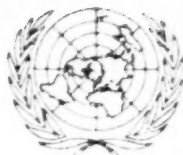




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on Wednesday, 18 February 1981, at 3 p.m.

Temporary Chairman: Mr. SUY (Under-Secretary-General,
The Legal Counsel)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.25 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

1. Mr. SUY (Under-Secretary-General, The Legal Counsel) announced that, following informal consultations, members of the Committee had arrived at the following agreement regarding the election of officers which he believed augured well for the Committee's future work: the Committee would have a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, and those officers should represent the different regional groups and, as far as possible, the various points of view held in the Committee. It would have a single, open-ended Working Group with the same Chairman and officers as the Committee. The chairmanship of the Committee, and hence also that of the Working Group, would be rotated and would go first to the Latin American Group, then to the Eastern European Group, the African Group, the Group of Western European and Other Countries and the Asian Group. On each occasion, a candidate would be proposed on behalf of the regional group concerned.

2. It had been agreed that that system of rotation should not prevent a representative of a country that was not committed to any of the points of view prevailing in the Committee from being elected Chairman by general agreement. It had also been agreed that any change in the order of rotation could be made only on the basis of a general agreement, and mainly in the event that a delegation invited the Committee to meet in its country. Lastly, all delegations had strongly recommended that, in conducting the work of both the Committee and the Working Group, the Chairman should consult closely and frequently with the other officers of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.